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**From:** Darien De Lu  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Mon, Jun 2, 2003 1:34 AM  
**Subject:** Proposed rule change for June 2 vote

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to The Honorable Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Commissioner

Dear Commissioner Abernathy,

I am profoundly concerned at the possible decision that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) may take on media concentration. I have heard many times the argument that, with so many channels available now, media concentration is no longer a concern.

I reject such an argument completely. I strongly urge you to oppose any reduction in the restrictions on media ownership.

First, such proposals entirely ignore the reality that a segment of the population does not have cable or satellite - whether due to lack of physical accessibility or through financial limitations. Those without these find their television choices to be remarkably limited, even with the fair number of broadcast stations. What is available through broadcast is very narrow in its range of content.

But even with cable television and satellite, the situation improves very little. In the sphere of commercial television, there is extremely little diversity in the content of news and programming. The noncommercial options offer only slightly better diversity.

This proposed shift would further reduce the independence of the news media and the ability of Americans to take part in public debate. In other countries we repeatedly see how totalitarian regimes move population to prejudice, hate, and war through domination of their news media. We must use regulation to encourage a range of views and protect against such developments here.

Please oppose changes that will loosen media ownership restrictions.

Yours,

Ms. Darien De Lu, 3709 Miller Way, Sacramento, CA 95817

**From:** mikolash@uwm.edu  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein, FCC FCCINFO  
**Date:** Thu, Jun 12, 2003 3:00 PM  
**Subject:** Don't Roll Back Limits on Media Consolidation

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**From:** Yolanda Polanco  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Thu, Jun 12, 2003 4:30 AM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Yolanda Polanco (yoli8@earthlink.net) writes:

Dear Commissioner Adelstein,

Thank you for your vote of 6-2-03 and your tireless work bringing it nation's people, this very important FCC's media ownership issues.

On 6-17-03,FCC must not implement any of the 6-2-03 rules. We must look at and study the whole media issue, and find out what is best for the American poeple, who also own the air-ways.

Think about it, with this and the Patriot Act 2 speck volumes for this administration, raise the specter of an Orwellion society.

Lets bring Media ownership in the light of day, take polls, lets get Bush on the record.

Keep up your good works and God bless.

Yolanda Polanco  
San Diego, California

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**From:** Cherie' Barker-Reid  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Thu, Jun 12, 2003 4:27 AM  
**Subject:** Thank You

Although the efforts, at least at this time, were not successful, please accept my sincere appreciation for the work you did to bring the FCC Rule changes to the public and for your attempts to keep the voice of democracy alive through diversity of opinions rather than the propaganda of corporate speak.

Your courage is truly respected!

Sincerely,  
Cherie Barker  
626 S. Ditmar  
Oceanside, Ca 92054

**From:** Ron Lundmark  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Thu, Jun 12, 2003 4:04 AM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Ron Lundmark (ronlundmark@attbi.com) writes:

I have an ad agency and this an e-mail I recieved from a former Clear Channel sales rep that lost a job because of the 1996 de-regulation. You people have no clue to how you're destroying the media business just to make a few fat cats even fatter.

Subject: Clear Channel's newest aquisition

WASHINGTON (AP)--The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announced today that it has agreed to be acquired by Clear Channel Communications (CCU) of San Antonio, Texas.

In announcing the deal, FCC Chairman Micheal Powell said "This transaction will greatly expedite the demise of the antiquated concept of local ownership of media outlets. Critics of deals such as this need to understand that Clear Channel embodies all that is good and decent in the broadcast industry, and anyone that believes otherwise clearly isn't listening to the news "

In a statement issued today, Clear Channel CEO Lowry Mays said "This acquisition is a perfect strategic fit for Clear Channel. The FCC has been a wonderful business partner for the past several years, and has carried out our directions with great enthusiasm. We are proud to welcome the FCC into the Clear Channel family of companies."

Although terms of the deal were not immediately available, It is said that the acquisition will include all components, operating units and assets of the FCC, except for its soul, which was sold in a prior transaction to Satan, Inc. in 1996.

Clear Channel, which owns broadcast facilities, shopping malls, billboard advertising, and concert promotion units all across North America, has been on an acquisition binge for the past several years, and has recently broadened the scope of its acquisitions to include government entities. In a recent deal, CCU purchased a 50% interest in the U.S. Congress, and is reportedly close to striking a deal to purchase The White House. Clear Channel already has been integrally running the George Bush presidency.

Clear Channel's Stock stood at \$42.09 at the close of Monday's trading,  
up  
\$1.39, or 3.42%

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**From:** Dave Reppot  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Thu, Jun 12, 2003 3:43 PM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Dave Reppot (t20four7@yahoo.com) writes:

Just wanted to send my thanks for your uphill endeavor on June 12, 2003 in trying to look out for the public good by trying to keep the limits on large corporate media ownership from greater expansion. Again, thank you!!!

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**From:** Al Brown  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps, Mike Powell  
**Date:** Thu, Jun 12, 2003 4:03 PM  
**Subject:** Broadcast Ownership rules

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**From:** Arthur Raab  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Thu, Jun 12, 2003 7:45 PM  
**Subject:** Keep media free and competitive

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Sincerely,

W. Arthur Raab  
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Lodi, CA 95242

**From:** CleveDT@aol.com  
**To:** undisclosed-recipients, @fcc.gov  
**Date:** Thu, Jun 12, 2003 10:01 PM  
**Subject:** Retain media ownership rules.

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Sincerely,

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**From:** carsonsipes@hotmail.com  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Thu, Jun 12, 2003 4:46 AM  
**Subject:** Please Act to Stop Media Monopolies

Senator John McCain  
U S. Senate  
241 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator McCain,

As we all know, the form letter below had little or no effect on you or the choices you are making about what we are all going to be watching, reading, and hearing for some time.

If you choose to listen to this message, know this: This is a travesty of monumental proportions and these days will live in infamy in the eyes of the world. They mark the day that American free speech died in the name of one brief administrations desire for a strong propaganda machine.

If there is legal recourse ..take it. If you even think there is anything you can do...do it. We are all in much graver trouble than we realize and the time to act is yesterday. I implore those of you in power to think about how those of us who aren't are living and feeling. We didn't get a vote about this. We have no choice in this matter. We rely on you and you must help us ...or all truly is lost

Sincerely,

Carson Sipes Actor/Musician/Stuntman/member of SAG/AFTRA/UC  
BERKELEY GRADUATE (MUSIC)

I urge you to tell the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) not to weaken the rules that help preserve competition and diversity among the owners of America's newspapers and radio and TV stations.

As you know, the FCC is reviewing rules currently for media ownership and is likely to allow big corporations to dominate ownership of media in a particular city or town. If that happens, one company may be allowed to own the local newspaper, several TV and radio stations and the cable TV system in the same community. There would be fewer owners of networks, stations and newspapers nationwide.

Media ownership would be concentrated among fewer companies and the public's ability to have open, informed discussion



with a wide variety of viewpoints would be compromised  
Plus, it likely would result in higher costs for businesses  
that advertise in local media, and those costs likely  
would be passed onto consumers.

The FCC is expected to vote on whether to change the  
rules on June 2. The public comments submitted to the  
FCC by individuals have been opposed to media consolidation  
overwhelmingly. Americans understand that the public  
interest is not being served by deregulation that reduces  
competition.

Please tell the FCC to reinstate its traditional media  
ownership rules for the sake of competition and democracy.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Carson Sipes  
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Oakland, California 94609

cc:  
Senator Dianne Feinstein  
Senator Barbara Boxer  
Representative Barbara Lee  
Senator Ernest Hollings  
FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell  
FCC Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy  
FCC Commissioner Michael J. Copps  
FCC Commissioner Kevin J. Martin  
FCC Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein

**From:** cpeyton@salud.unm.edu  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Thu, Jun 12, 2003 8:39 PM  
**Subject:** Please oppose media deregulation and demand public hearings

Dear Chairman Powell,

cc: FCC Commissioners  
cc: Sen. Wyden

I urge you to vote to protect the public interest by dropping the FCC's plans to end critical safeguards designed to ensure diversity of media ownership and to ensure that there are public hearings to discuss how such proposals will affect Oregon and the nation.

Sincerely,  
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